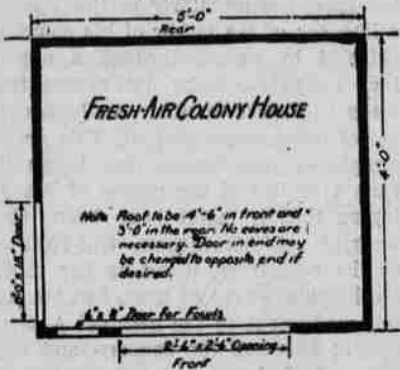
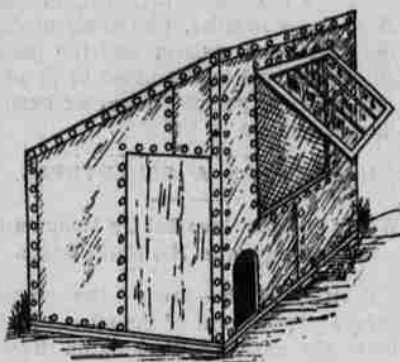




COLONY HOUSE.

A Good Building That Will Cost but Little.

Now that the cares of the poultryman are centered on his growing stock, and while every inch of housing room is being taxed to the limit in providing quarters for them, a suggestion for an inexpensive colony house might be found advantageous to those who are contemplating making more room that they may more properly



Working Plan of Colony House.

take care of their future flocks. The time has passed when the poultryman will consign his maturing birds to an old barrel, box or the trees and consistently expect them to develop into good breeders or prize winners. To get the best results the modern fancier appreciates the value of sanitary housing, for upon this almost to as great an extent as proper feeding, depends the welfare and future health of our growing fowls.

This house is built of the lightest possible material, the entire frame being constructed of 1x2-inch strips put together with small nails, that the wood will not split. By referring to the accompanying illustration some general idea of the plan of the frame can be worked out, although it is not given in detail. Over this frame is stretched common poultry netting and securely nailed to the frame, and over this is tacked a good quality of either tarred paper or any of the prepared roofing materials that are on the market. The openings as are suggested in the drawing, are for a door at the end and a window in the front, with a small opening below to allow easy access for the fowls. The tarred paper is firmly tacked around the edges of the roof and relieves the necessity of eaves. The laps where the widths of paper over-reach each other should be tarred, thus preventing leaking and insuring against draughts. The floor should be made separate in one piece to facilitate cleaning and can be attached to the upper portion by means of small hooks and eyes. Small mesh netting is tacked on the inside of the opening in the front and a window sash or wooden frame covered with muslin is hung by hinges at the top, and can be swung outward when it is not needed for protection from the inclemency of the weather. If glass window sash is used, it should seldom be closed, for, except in case of storms and beating rain, the fowls will be in ideal condition with it open day and night, the netting giving ample protection from all ordinary prowling pests. Economy should be the key-note of

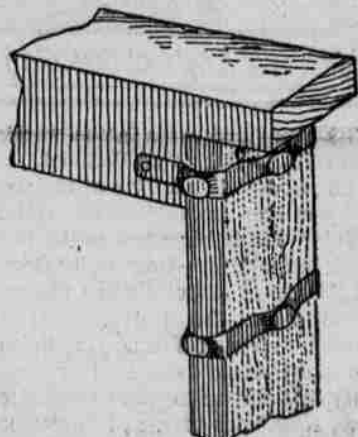
poultry yard architecture, writes Fred D. Silloway in the Poultry Journal, and this point will be noted in the foregoing plan. The portability and durability will also be appreciated, for with proper storing each winter such a house can be made to last a number of years, and with occasional re-tarring, or re-covering from time to time, will last indefinitely.

The open front feature, which has been freely discussed in this and other papers for some time, is the most desirable and sanitary point of this colony house, and one that it will pay any breeder to try. This house has given very successful results in the hands of the writer, having been in use a year, under the varied conditions of weather. Young chicks just from the brooder were housed in it until maturity, and were at all times found to be in the best condition. The window sash was left open at an angle of 45 degrees all the time and served only as an awning, protecting the opening from the rain. When the weather became cool in the fall a curtain of muslin was stretched over the opening and gave better results than the glass window. The principle of allowing the circulation of fresh air will be found ideal, and no one, no matter how skeptical, need be afraid of adopting it. It will insure absolute freedom from disease and give surprising robustness and general good health to the fowls.

BEEKEEPER'S CONTRIVANCE.

New Style of Metal Side and End Spacer for Brood Frames.

I am sending you a drawing of my idea of the way the metal spacers should be made, writes a correspondent of Bee Culture. If the upper one were nailed to the top-bar I do not see why it would not strengthen the frame



Use of Metal Spacers.

corner. I should not want the lower spacer as now made, because bees would surely fill in between with propolis, in most localities (ask Dr. Miller). It might be better to have just two pieces to one frame—one at each end of top-bar, but stamped three places, and put on the other way, so as to form the end-spacer as well.

POULTRY POINTS.

If male and females both have narrow combs they may produce chicks with single combs.

Work birds up to standard all around, instead of one point at a time. Keep all the points in view.

Milk is one of the best feeds for laying hens. It pays to divide it between the pigs and the hens.

Grease is a killer of insects, and it does not hurt the fowls. Kerosene is not needed as a lice-killer, as grease will do the work.

I lost most of my early hatches last year with gapes and tried many remedies without avail. When the later chicks came off I took them to a woodlot some little distance from the usual haunts of the fowls and raised all but two, which the hawks caught.

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